

# **Exhibit 7**

**June 7, 2021 Order Granting  
Motion For A Stay to File and  
Serve Respondent's Answer to  
Formal Charges**



# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

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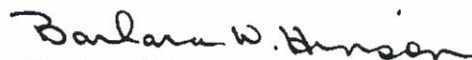
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RE: In The Matter of: John David Hawkins, Respondent  
Docket Number: 21-CLC-002

Dear Counsel:

Attached is the signed Order Granting Motion For A Stay to File And Serve Respondent's Answer to Formal Charges in the above referenced matter.

Sincerely,

  
Barbara W. Hinson  
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Enclosure



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON LAWYER CONDUCT**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

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Commission Docket Number: 21-CLC-002**

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR A STAY TO FILE AND  
SERVE RESPONDENT'S ANSWER TO FORMAL CHARGES**

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On May 27, 2021, Respondent filed a Motion pursuant to Rules 14(b)(1) and 23(a), RLDE, Rule 413, SCACR, for a Stay to File and Serve Respondent's Answer to Formal Charges. The basis for the Motion is the pendency of a related action, John Hawkins et al. vs. South Carolina Commission on Lawyer Conduct, et. al., currently pending in U.S. District Court with Case No. 3:21-cv-01319-JMC. The Office of Disciplinary Counsel joins in the request for a stay of these disciplinary proceedings.

The Motion is granted. Respondent's time for filing an Answer to the Formal Charges is stayed until the conclusion of the related federal action.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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Mitchell J. Williams, Esquire  
Chair of Hearing Panel

Dated: <sup>June</sup>~~May~~ 7, 2021  
At Columbia, SC